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species 4, nucleic acids SEQ ID Nos. 7 and 8, for search purposes only. Claims 35-40, 42-55, and 62 are readable thereon.

Applicants traverse this Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the claims of Group IV are classified in the same class as the claims of provisionally elected Group I, and thus searching this additional class would not place an undue burden on the Examiner.

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 are pending. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1754 to discuss any issues arising from this submission.

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